

"WOMAN IN BLACK" HAS A HISTORY IN NEW YORK.



"THE WOMAN IN BLACK."

Once in Sing Sing for Stealing Bonds at the St. Nicholas.

Under Two Charges of Burglary Now on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—Ellen Gibson, "the woman in black," is disconsolate in a cell in the Branch County Jail under two charges of burglary.

Ellen is a criminal well known in the police circles of San Francisco, and her name, at least, must be familiar in many other cities of the country.

She should be remembered by old-time detectives in New York, as she came here in 1888 after serving a term in Sing Sing for a sensational metropolitan robbery.

She stole \$25,000 worth of Government bonds from a room in the St. Nicholas Hotel, New York.

Her husband was then a young Customs officer, formerly a policeman, with whom she had lived a happy married life until she developed an abnormal tendency to steal. After this weakness came upon her, her history was a pathetic one. The husband did all he could for her, but neither his tenderness nor the love of her babies was of any effect.

After her prison term she fled to California with her mother and three children. In the early part of her career on the coast she pursued her criminal bent and brought the inevitable troubles upon herself. For the ten years previous to her present arrest she had lived quietly with her two daughters, who support themselves by making gloves for a factory.

Mrs. Gibson made the kleptomaniac defense on several occasions. As to the affair on which her present arrest is based, she declares her complete innocence. She is nearly seventy years of age.

At different times the woman has used the names Mary Brown, Katie Smith and Ellen Gibson.

A singular feature led to her arrest and conviction in 1887. She was keeping a rather swell lodging-house in this city, and at a Christmas time she had a tree adorned with costly gifts for the children. These presents were recognized as the proceeds of a strange robbery of burglary.

It appeared that Ellen had been going

BOY OF 5 SAVES 7 FROM DEATH.

Whole Family in Williamsburg Overcome by Gas.

But for the presence of mind of a little five-year-old child probably a score of people would have lost their lives by being suffocated by gas this morning in the four-story flat building at 131 Scholers street, Brooklyn.

The hero of the incident is little Charles Soerensen.

Peter Soerensen, aged forty-five years, is the janitor of the building. He occupies rooms on the third floor with his wife, Johanna, aged forty years, and their children, Annie, seventeen years; May, fifteen years; John, fourteen years; Otto, nine years, and Charles, five years.

Shortly before 3 o'clock Mr. Soerensen

was awakened by a tiny hand plucking his beard. It was his little son, Charles.

"Wake up, papa!" pleaded the child. "Something is the matter."

Soerensen got out of bed coughing to find the room filled with gas. From other chambers came the heavy, stifled breathing of the other members of the family.

Soerensen hastily opened the windows and then carried his wife and the children down to the sidewalk. All were unconscious with the exception of little Charles.

Ambulances were summoned and the family resuscitated. They are all out of danger.

The escaping gas was caused by the meter in the cellar having dropped from the shelf on which it stood.

HONOR COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Its Mining Engineers Need Not Pass Examinations in Africa.

Word has been received by Prof. Monroe of the Columbia School of Mines, that hereafter the managers of the South African mining fields will accept the degree of the school in lieu of an examination as evidence of competency to practise mining engineering in that country.

For a long time the Columbia School of Mines was the only school of its kind in the country, and it has sent into the field more than one-third of all the mining engineers in the land. Six of the graduates are now in South Africa holding responsible positions.

BRACELET NOT FOUND ON MAID.

The Police Figured in a Gramercy Park Boarding-House Drama.

A man who gave his name as James Roach went to the East Twenty-second street station early this morning and told the police that his sweetheart, Tessie Hopkins, who was employed as a chambermaid in a fashionable boarding-house at 4 Gramercy Park, had been arrested for theft, and he wanted her liberated.

The police thought the man was deranged, as they had no such prisoner, and Roach was leaving when a negro, who said he was butler for Mrs. Elizabeth O'Hara, at 4 Gramercy Park, called and asked the sergeant to send a policeman to the house, as a chamber-

maid named Tessie Hopkins had stolen some jewelry.

Policemen Kahn and Buckley were dispatched to the place and met Mrs. O'Hara, who told them that the Hopkins girl, she believed, had stolen a valuable diamond-studded bracelet. The Hopkins woman consented to search, but no bracelet was found.

Mrs. O'Hara decided to go any farther in the matter, but did not arrest the maid.

Roach told the police that the girl was the victim of some malicious plot, who was constantly writing letters derogatory to her to those who employed her. Mrs. O'Hara said she had received such a letter.

RUN DOWN BY A CAB.

Victim in Park Row Accident Taken to Hospital.

William H. Collier, a cabman, of 98 Bergen street, Brooklyn, was arraigned in Centre Street Court today charged with running down a man in front of 145 Park Row.

The injured man, whose identity is not known, was taken unconscious to the Hudson Street Hospital. It was thought that his skull was fractured. He is of heavy build, medium height, dark complexion and wore dark clothes and a blue sweater.

Mr. Barlett O'Connor, of 145 Hudson street, Brooklyn, was in the cab at the time of the accident.

SON'S LOVE BARS CHILD FROM WILL.

Wealthy James Malcolm's Granddaughter Elaine Penniless.

Because his son, Frederick Malcolm, married for love and against his father's will, James F. Malcolm, who died a few weeks ago at his residence, 6 West Seventy-first street, excluded from all share in his property his little granddaughter, Elaine Malcolm.

The father, who was a wealthy lawyer, carried his spite beyond the grave, and though his son died before him, his heart was not softened toward the little girl of his dead son.

The facts came to light on the filing of the lawyer's will. All the property except \$2,000 a year was given to the testator's daughter, Jeanette.

The estate is valued at \$250,000. No provision was made for Elaine, and when her guardian, ex-Judge Washburne Lynn, asked why, he was told by the daughter that the family did not even know the whereabouts of the child.

"She was forbidden the house as well as her father," said the daughter, "and we do not know or care to know where she is."

Ex-Judge Lynn will advertise for the girl in all the large cities of the country. When last heard of Elaine's mother had married Mr. Hull, said to be enormously rich, and was living in Denver. She studiously avoided the Malcolm.

Meanwhile the filing of the will has been delayed and will be until a trace of the granddaughter can be found. She is entitled to \$100,000, which would have been her father's share of the estate had he lived.

HELD BY DROWNING WIFE.

Boat Upset, Husband Was Saved But Woman Lost.

While rowing across Dundee Lake, at Clifton, N. J., George Arnold and his wife lost their balance and both fell into the water. The husband tried to hold up his wife but in her frantic efforts to save herself she dragged him down.

As he was sinking for the last time, men heard his screams and rowing out, succeeded in saving him. The body of Arnold is in a critical condition.

Bloomingtonales

Great Sale of Women's, Misses' and Children's Suits, Skirts, Jackets and Reefers for Friday and Saturday.

SUITS 14.98 Sizes 32 to 48. Of finest pebble cheviot, black and navy blue, the newest double-breasted box front coat, velvet collar and pebble sole facing lined throughout with finest taffeta silk; new cuff on sleeves skirt the new 7-bell flaring shape; all double stitched welted seams; percale lined velvet bound. This is a triumph and the suits are marvels for the money.	JACKETS 5.98 Sizes 32 to 48. Of fine quality black kersey; 6 button double-breasted; a new over-style, tailor stitched, laid on down velvet collar, with fine satin lining. A swell up-to-date coat. Made with the same care you'll see in the usual \$10.00 jacket. Such value has never before been given for \$5.98.
SUITS 10.98 Sizes 32 to 46. Fly-Front Suits: made of black and navy English cheviot; the blouse suits made of Oxford blue mixed and brown homespun chevots, lined with best quality yarn dyed rosin silk; severe double flaring skirt, all welted seams, percale lined and velvet bound. They are not cheap but remarkably low priced.	JACKETS 7.98 All Sizes. Of fine quality black kersey, 6 button double-breasted with full flared collar, other turn-down velvet collars, 6-button turn-down velvet collars, all lined with excellent quality satin to match, handsomely strapped and tailor stitched. Honestly worth \$12.50 and usually sold for that here.
SKIRTS 4.98 Lengths 39 to 46. Of homespun chevots, all shades of gray, black, blue and brown; new flounce shape, trimmed with wide band of stitched satin, edged with braid, lined with best percale and velvet bound. A model of fashion and easily worth twice our price.	MISSSES' JACKETS 6.98 Sizes 14-16-18. Of all-wool Venetian cloth, castor, blue, brown and black, fitted box back and velvet collar, beautifully tailored and finished, large pearl buttons, lined with guaranteed satin to match or fancy sides. These are snug winter weights, just the right length. Stylish jackets and normally the ticket would read \$10.
SKIRTS 7.98 All lengths. Of fine quality black broadcloth, seven graded bell shape, trimmed with graduated bands of black satin; others with ripple flounce, trimmed with broad stitched bands and fancy braid, best French percale lining, corded velvet binding; cannot be duplicated for less than \$10.00.	CHILDREN'S REEFERS 3.98 Sizes 4 to 14. Fly-Front Suits: made of black and navy English cheviot; the blouse suits made of Oxford blue mixed and brown homespun chevots, lined with best quality yarn dyed rosin silk; severe double flaring skirt, all welted seams, percale lined and velvet bound. They are not cheap but remarkably low priced.

Women's Waists \$5.49 & \$5.98

Fine quality taffeta silk, back and front tucked and hem-stitched, new sleeves, finished with flare cuffs or Bishop sleeves; black, white, light blue, old rose, Nile, green, red, helio, royal and navy; front finished with straps and gilt buttons or crocheted buttons.

Taffeta Waists \$3.50. Black and colored; assorted styles.

China Specials.

This department always quotes the lowest prices and offers the best goods for the money. The entire department on the third floor is brimful of bargains.

Decorated Dinner Sets, 5.45. Of English porcelain, with pretty underglaze border designs; neat shapes; 2 colors; 100 pieces, \$5.45.

Water Tumblers, 39c. Dose. Thin-blown glass; no seconds.

Water Tumblers, 59c. Dose. Thin-blown glass, assorted patterns of engraving to choose from.

Water Tumblers, 75c. Dose. Thin-blown glass; with needle-etched engravings; assorted designs.

McKinley Beer Steins, 98c. German covered Beer Steins, with portrait of McKinley painted on, and nice pewter cover.

Great Sale of Umbrellas.

At 39c.—For Friday only, 26 and 28 inch Cotton Gloria Umbrellas, with wood rods, Congo and oak loops and crooks.

At 49c.—26 and 28 inch Cotton Gloria Umbrellas, steel rods, Congo loops and crooks.

At 79c.—26 and 28 inch Mercerized Umbrellas, steel rods, Dresden balls, Congo loops and crooks, plain and silver trimmed.

At 98c.—26 and 28 inch Twilled Silk Gloria Umbrellas, case and tassel, Dresden, horn and Congo handles.

At 1.39.—26 and 28 inch Twilled Silk Gloria Umbrellas, with steel rods, case and tassels, with Congo and box wood handles.

At 1.95.—26 and 28 inch Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, with steel rods, case and tassel, with Dresden, horn and pearl and silver and Weixel handles.

At 2.59.—26 and 28 inch All-Silk Umbrellas, with steel rods, case and tassel, with Weixel, Congo and box-wood handles.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Every purchase made here is with the strict understanding that you are to be satisfied or your money returned.

200 of these made especially for us for this occasion, of black pebble cheviot and tan castor and black kersey, 6 button double-breasted with full flared collar, other turn-down velvet collars, 6-button turn-down velvet collars, all lined with excellent quality satin to match, handsomely strapped and tailor stitched. Honestly worth \$12.50 and usually sold for that here.

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The \$6.98, \$5.98 & \$4.98 styles contribute their surplus and we put them all in one lot at \$3.98. They are made of fine quality cloth, in different styles. Further description is unnecessary. THE PRICE ALONE IS ENOUGH. AND THE GOODS ARE HERE TO TELL THEIR OWN STORY.

A Sale of Gold Belts

To-morrow we place on sale one thousand latest styles belts at half value.

Lot 1—At 15c.—Patent Leather Belts, with two rows of gold braid and gold-plated buckle and eyelets.

Lot 2—At 24c.—Gold Braid Belts and patent leather belts, with gold braid and gold-plated buckle.

Lot 3—At 49c. and 55c.—Gold Braid Belts, Patent Leather Belts and Suede Belts, trimmed with gold braid.

Ribbons.

Bargains in desirable styles of ribbons, suitable for fancy work, neckwear, dress trimmings, millinery, etc.

4 and 5-inch plain and fancy Taffeta and Satin, 15c. yard.

3½-inch corded Changeable Taffeta 12½c. yard.

Nos. 5, 7, 9 yard and Shirring Ribbons, 5c. yard.

At 15c.—Piece of 10 yards—No. 1, fancy double-face satin cord edge; value 30c.

Nos. 2 and 4 plain and fancy Shirring Ribbon, piece of 10 yds., 21c. and 25c.

Special sale of the finest quality white double-faced satin liberty, 3½-inch, worth 50c. yard, 32c. 4-inch, worth 50c. yard, 37c. 5-inch, worth 75c. yard, 42c.

"Means" \$4.00 Shoes, \$2.00.

For Men—If you are looking for the greatest shoe value that ever existed, you will not find it until you have seen our James Means Shoes which sell here at \$2.00. We have just received another great lot of the latest winter styles and place them on sale to-morrow. Some of them are as follows: Full lines of double and triple sole shoes with leather lining to the toes; sizes in abundance; extra wide widths plentiful also. Storm Calf Leather, with toe caps; Shetland Calfskin in congress or lace; also Russia and Vici Kid Lace Shoes, colors brown and tan; many are leather lined throughout to the toes; heavy or light weight soles with toe caps; also plain toes.

"BLOOMINGDALE'S STRICTLY WATER-PROOF SHOES"—No shoes have attained widespread popularity to equal that of the "Bloomingtonale Waterproof." If they are not strictly waterproof we will refund your money. Sizes here for men, boys, youths and women.

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Boys' Good Shirts, 3 for 50c.

Sizes 3 to 12 Years.

We have often held special sales of Men's Shirts—but this time it is for the little men. We purchased 500 dozen boys' fancy soft shirts, from a large Troy factory. The goods all run regular, made of standard percales, and some woven madras. They are made open front, all the way down like a coat skirt (easy to put on), with laundered cuffs attached. The regular wholesale price was \$6.50 per dozen. Retail price was 75c. They are put up 3 in a box. You may take your choice of any in the lot to-morrow, 3 for 50c.

Leather Goods.

A very large purchase of leather goods has just been completed by us where we became the possessors of an enormous stock of Pocketbooks, Purse, Chateleine Bags, Card Cases, etc.

We will sell them as follows:

At 29c. 48c. and 59c.—Pocket-books and Purse of different leathers.

At 69c. 85c. and 98c.—Pocket-books in numerous leathers.

At 47c. 59c. and 89c.—Card Cases in great variety.

At 47c. 69c. and 98c.—Chateleine Bags, new styles of leather.

Also new Purse, Wallets, Bill Books, &c. All the above are very much below the regular prices.

The "Starlight" 95c.

The Starlight Incandescent Gas Lamp, best ever manufactured, consists of a straight burner, a new salamander mantle, which gives 100 candle power, Macbeth chimney, opal eye shade, 10-inch opal dome shade and patent by-pass, by which means you can set the flame to any size worth regularly \$1.75. All 95c. complete ready for use.

\$1.00 Books 55c.

We offer to-morrow a quantity of copyrighted books handsomely bound in cloth and gold, published at \$1; our special price, 55c.

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Among the Furs.

People can depend upon what we say of our furs, yet furs are the easiest things to tell trade lies about. The making of our fur garments is watched personally by our fur man. Every single thing conducive to dependability has special stress placed upon it.

Our furs at all times sell at the lowest possible prices.

It's from maker to wearer with the Bloomingtonale Guarantee. If you don't like it bring it back.

This for \$25.00.

Eton Jackets, of near seal fur, strictly first quality, can hardly be distinguished from the genuine Alaska seal skin. It is lined with Skinner's satin which is warranted to last for two years. It is well made and handsomely finished throughout. It has large revers and storm collar, and is most stylish and chic. Really a \$40 garment.

Persian Lamb Coats, value \$150.00, \$75.00.

Alaska Seal Coats, value \$250.00, \$125.00.

Women's Handkerchiefs.

SPECIAL—Nearly 1,000 dozen scalloped and embroidered cambric, lawn and linen handkerchiefs; they have retailed at different times for 25c.; very attractive patterns; special for to-morrow, 12 1-2c. each.

Friday's Furniture Specials.

Note these bargains for Friday, every one a trade winner for us, a money saver for you at the prices named below. One day's selling will exhaust the quantities. Moral, come early.

A very pretty Corner Chair, in mahogany finish, spring seat, covered in satin damask; value \$6.50; Friday, only 4.75.

A neat Dressing Case in solid oak, with French beveled mirror, just the thing for a hall room, value \$8.25; Friday, only 6.50.

A neatly carved and handsomely polished Rocker in oak or mahogany finish, value \$4.00; Friday, only 2.75.

A pretty Dressing Table in oak, maple or mahogany finish, with beveled mirror, value \$7.50; Friday, only 5.50.

Housefurnishings.

We are continually offering bargains in this department. Among the many are Universal Food Cutter, the simplest and most practical food chopper made, three sizes, Small, Medium, Large, \$1.09, 1.24, 1.62.

Galvanized Iron Garbage Pail, with improved attached cover, 32c.

Family Scale, made of sheet steel, will weigh from an ounce to 20 lbs., 98c.

Sifeco Scouring Soap, 6 cakes for 10c.

Decorated China Salt Boxes, with wood lid, 25c.

Gold Dust Washing Powder, 4-lb. package, 14c.

Ash Cans, full barrel size, of heavy galvanized iron, reinforced bottoms, wood slats on sides, 1.23.

Curtain Stretcher, improved pattern, will not sag in center, 79c.

Round Asbestos Skove Mats, 2c.

Bloomingtonales

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO

3rd Ave. 59th & 60th Sts.

About that tremendous sale of WERTHEIMER'S GLOVES.

These values cannot be equalled anywhere today, and after this sale it will be impossible to get such values in the glove line again for a long time. Let us state a little more about our purchase. The lot that we secured at

One-Half and One-Third Regular Prices

from the Field, Chapman Co. Auction Rooms, consists wholly of the celebrated Wertheimer Gloves. Among the lot are such well-renowned brands as

Peerless, Majestic, Astoria, Carleton, Newport, Crown, &c.

We guarantee them to be perfect in every particular and of the season's production. Out of justice to yourself you should attend this sale and profit by its unprecedented money-saving opportunities. Here are some of the notable price concessions. Read them:

Wertheimer's "Newport" and "Crown" Gloves, 69c. Sold everywhere at \$1.25.

Wertheimer's "Peerless" Gloves, 85c. Sold everywhere at \$1.50.

Wertheimer's "Majestic" Gloves, 95c. Sold everywhere at \$1.75.

Wertheimer's "Astoria" Gloves, 95c. Sold everywhere at \$2.00.

Wertheimer's "Carleton" Gloves, 85c. Sold everywhere at \$1.00.

Wertheimer's "Men's" Gloves, 75c. Sold everywhere at \$1.00.

Fine kid P-K & Overseam; all colors; white, black and pearl; sold everywhere at \$1.00, \$1.50 & \$2.00.

Wertheimer's "Arthur" Gloves, 69c. Sold everywhere at \$1.25.

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